

## **European Premiere of *Haunting Villisca* a Hit!**

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**We are thrilled to announce that *Haunting Villisca* is a European hit!**

The Iowa feature film about the unsolved 1912 Villisca Iowa Axe Murders and the paranormal investigations of the J.B. Moore Home (Villisca Axe Murder House) where the crime took place, recently played to a packed house at its European Premiere in Vienna, Austria on Jan. 9 at the 1905 vintage Breitenseer Lichtspiele theatre.

The appreciative audience and journalists gave rave reviews. One audience member wrote, "It held me on an excited anxiety level (on the edge of my seat) the whole film and I was caught between wanting to go out and stay and watch, to know how it goes on... AND the music and the special effects were absolutely fantastic!"

An Austrian distributor, Sneak Eye Pictures, has picked up the film for theatrical screenings in Austria and Germany. Updates and reviews will be posted on the European site, [www.hauntingvillisca.at](http://www.hauntingvillisca.at)

The film, produced by Kimberly Busbee and directed by James Serpento, was co-written by the two Iowa filmmakers. The production involved over 400 cast and crew and was shot in the actual Villisca Axe Murder house, in the historic Red Oak Montgomery County Courthouse and in several other Iowa locations including Greenfield, Indianola, Winterset and Des Moines.

The film stars James Serpento, Kerry Skram, Chelsea Long, Michael Cornelison, Francisco Rodriguez, Ja'le Youngblood, Ron Gilbert, Patrick Gouran, Steve "Round Guy" Pilchen, Kim Duede, Nikki Jacobs and many more, and features well-known Hollywood actor, Greg Alan Williams of *Remember the Titans*, *Old School*, *Be Cool* and *The Sopranos*.

The favorably reviewed movie score, written by LA composer David James Nielsen, was recorded in Prague and played by a 50 piece orchestra.

The European Premiere was attended by Producer Kimberly Busbee and her daughter Kaitlyn who played Beulah Calloway, an historical figure in the film, and who also shot (with Jill Jones and Elizabeth Hixenbaugh of JEK Films) the award-winning behind the scenes documentary, *A Ghost of a Chance: The Making of Haunting Villisca*. Also attending were Villisca house owners and supporting actors in the film, Darwin and Martha Linn with Jeffrey Brown, the musician/actor/singer who wrote, "The Ballad of J. B. Moore" and his wife Gina. Press interviews and a Q. & A. followed the screening.

*Haunting Villisca* also has a U.S. distribution deal with Los Angeles-based Digital Shadow Films Distribution [www.digitalshadowfilms.com](http://www.digitalshadowfilms.com) DSF will soon release the DVD.

For more information on the movie, on screenings and on the DVD release date, look for updates through [www.hauntingvillisca.com](http://www.hauntingvillisca.com) or contact producer Kimberly Busbee [bobbusbee@aol.com](mailto:bobbusbee@aol.com) 515-707-1533